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1. THE ENUMERATION PHASE OF THE JAMAICA ELECTORAL PROCESS CONTINUES TO BE DELAYED BY VIOLENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SNAGS. DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS DUNDAS TOLD US THAT HE HOPES THAT THIS PHASE CAN BE COMPLETED BY JULY 6, BUT THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY IT WOULD DRAG ON UNTIL ABOUT MID-JULY. SEVERAL KINGSTON GHETTOES REMAIN THE BIGGEST PROBLEM AREAS, HE SAID, AS THE ELECTION OFFICIALS ARE AFRAID TO EVEN ENTER THE AREAS WITHOUT MASSIVE POLICE PRESENCE, AND EVEN WITH THE POLICE THE ENUMERATORS ARE FINDING THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE AVOIDING REGISTRATION. HOWEVER, HE HAS STARTED THE KEYPUNCH OPERATION, AND HAS SUFFICIENT DATA ON HAND TO KEEP HIS OPERATORS EMPLOYED WITH THE MACINES AVAILABLE.

2. DUNDAS SAID THAT THE IBM KEYPUNCH MACHINES TO BE IMPORTED (REFTEL A) ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ASSEMBLED IN TORONTO BY JUNE 29. AIR JAMAICA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT THEM, BUT HE

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IS ARRANGING TRANSPORT VIA AIR CANADA.

3. THE PRINTING PHASE, HOPEFULLY TO BE DONE IN MIAMI, WILL NOW SLIP TO SOMETIME IN LATE AUGUST BECAUSE OF THE DELAYS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ACCORDING TO DUNDAS. HE REITERATED PROFESSOR MILLS EARLIER REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING REPLIES FROM THE MIAMI COMPANIES (REFTEL. NO REPLIES FROM THE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS YET BY THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE.
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